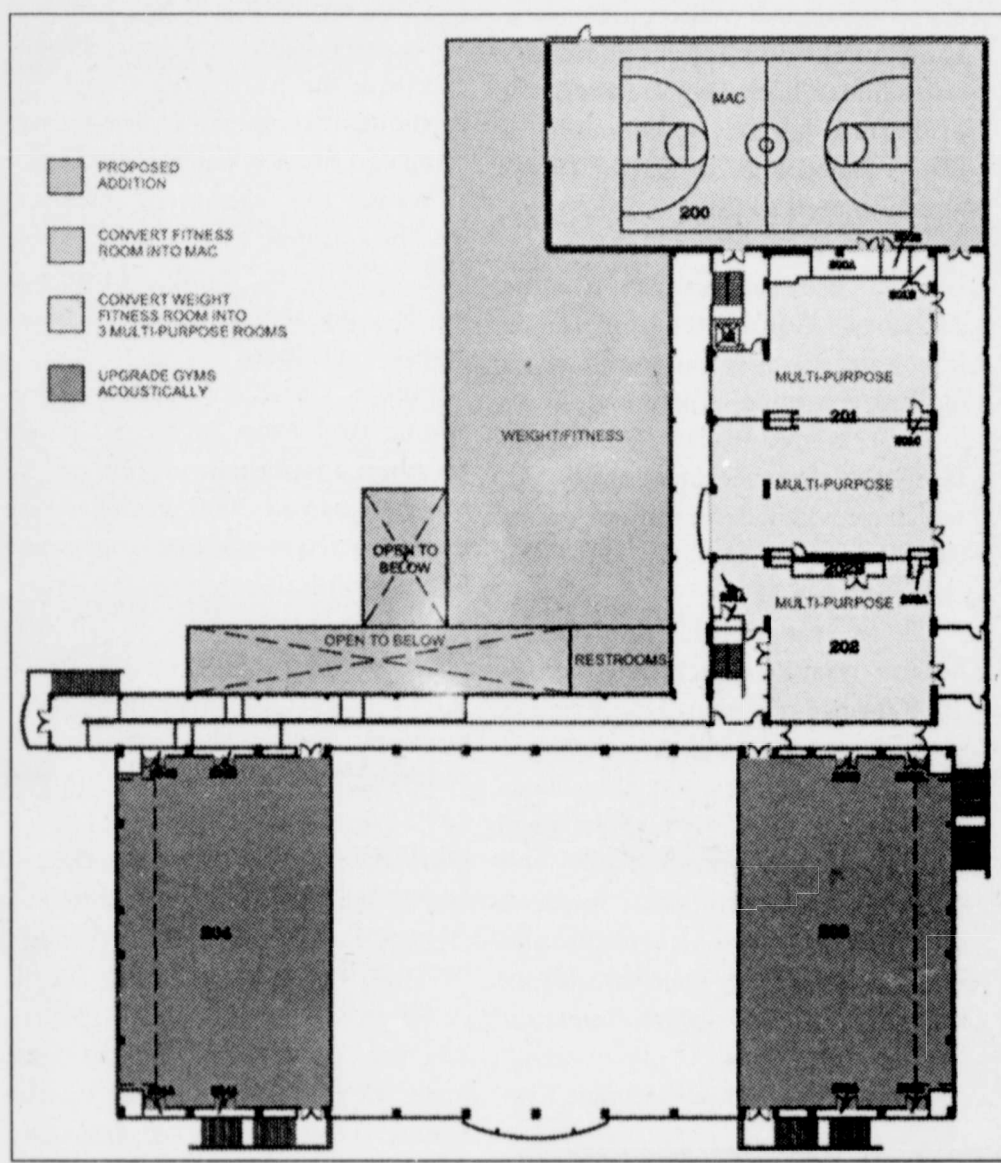


Students may pay for facility improvements



COURTESY PHOTO

ASI wrestles with the idea of raising fees to enhance areas of the campus

Jamie Brady
MUSTANG DAILY

Associated Students Inc. may have students vote on a fee increase to improve campus facilities.

A year ago, ASI began working with Brailsford and Dunlavy, a firm that works with schools nationwide and specializes in the assessment and creation of facilities. The firm had open forums and discussions with Cal Poly students on areas that needed improvement.

"We had been having complaints

for the last four or five years on the existing facilities," said Michelle Broom, public relations representative for the ASI Business Office. "So ASI decided to contact Brailsford and Dunlavy to get help and see what students wanted."

The facilities that students decided needed improvement were the Rec Center and the University Union. Students told Brailsford and Dunlavy that there was not enough space in the weight room and cardio vascular areas of the Rec Center. Students also decided that there was not enough student space in the UU and that it needed to be renovated to provide more area for students.

On the ASI survey Web site it said, "Students said that both the UU and Rec Center lack capacity and are overcrowded. Compared to other California campuses, ASI's facilities are smaller than the average UU and Rec Center with respect to square footage per student."

Students also told the firm that there needs to be a new facility near Campus Market because there is limited space for students to gather. Students suggested the facility should include a lounge area, food, retail, an indoor climbing wall and a fitness area.

"It would be nice to have a new building near Campus Market because there is nothing to do over there in between classes," business finance senior Brian Peters said.

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MATT WECHTER MUSTANG DAILY

By the end of Mardi Gras last year, 190 arrests were made. This year's Mardi Gras will have more than 300 police officers involved, according to SLOPD.

City-wide zones for Mardi Gras may triple fines

Christina Joslin
MUSTANG DAILY

The Student Community Liaison Committee voted in favor of expanding the originally proposed neighborhood zones to be city-wide during the week of Mardi Gras.

The new safety enhancement zones will encompass all of San Luis Obispo, rather than just Cal Poly. The original zones were limited to specific parts of downtown and the intersection of Foothill and California Boulevards.

If the city-wide zones are created, fines will be tripled for many misdemeanors, including drunk in public, minor in possession, urinating in public, receiving a noise violations, hosting an underage party, among other things. This excludes the newest nudity ordinance.

"The SCLC recognizes that by restricting the zones to where students congregate, we make it seem that the problem with Mardi Gras is merely the responsibility of the students," said Blake Bolton, industrial technology senior and Associated Students Inc. president. "In actuality, this is an issue for the entire city."

Now that the SCLC has agreed to widen the safety zones, the idea will now be presented to the City Council on Dec. 7. At this meeting, the council will be given three options: passing the previously proposed neighborhood zones, passing the new city-wide safety zones or having no zones at all.

"As a student, it would be unrealistic for me to say that we should have absolutely no safety zones," said Bolton. "We need to find a way to control Mardi Gras."

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Bush fund-raisers get government appointments

Fund-raising 'pioneers,' who raised at least \$100,000, had perks such as overnight stays at the White House and Camp David

Sharon Theimer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — One-third of President Bush's top 2000 fund-raisers or their spouses were appointed to positions in his first administration, from ambassadorship in Europe to seats on policy-setting boards, an Associated Press review found.

The perks for 246 "pioneers" who raised at least \$100,000 also included overnight stays at the White House and Camp David, parties at the White House and Bush's Texas ranch,

state dinners with world leaders and overseas travel with U.S. delegations to the Olympics and other events, the review found.

Top fund-raisers say the real charm of the rewards was getting the chance to rub elbows with the president.

"All of us in politics, we've done so

rewarded with invitations to the White House, the vice presidential mansion and Bush's ranch.

"But knowing that here's the commander in chief, the most powerful man on the face of the earth, and you have this first-name-basis with him, that's very special," Miner said.

For some, the chance to mingle with the world's power brokers came in the form of diplomatic appointments. At least two dozen of the 2000 pioneers or their spouses became ambassadors, mostly to Europe.

Howard Leach, a California agribusiness investment banker and former finance

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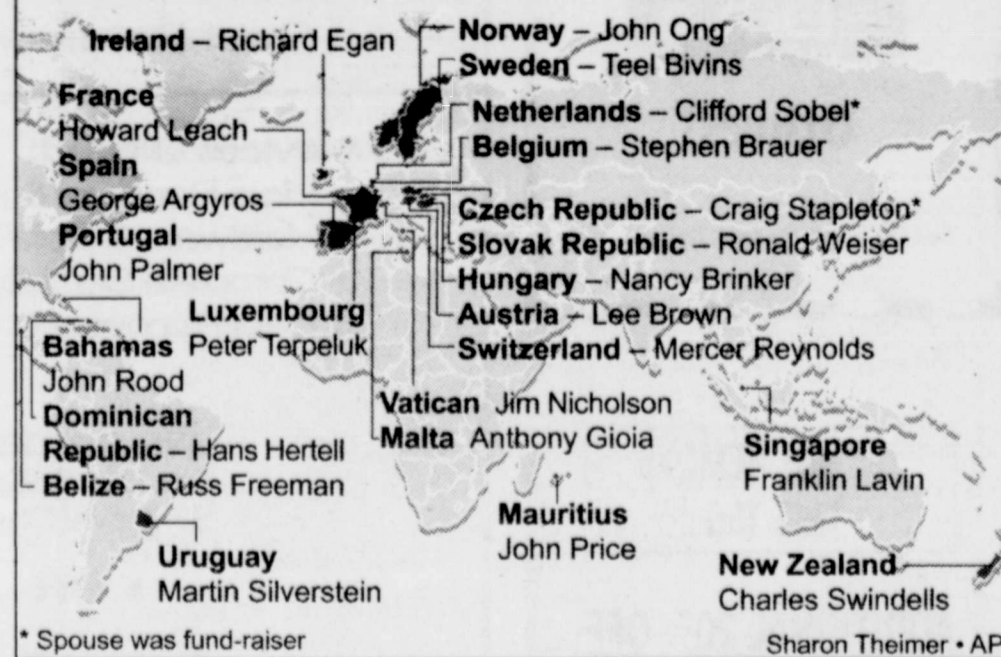
— LARRY NOBLE
executive director of the Center of Responsive Politics

many parties and receptions it's old hat to us," said David Miner, a North Carolina textile executive and state lawmaker who helped raise more than \$100,000 for Bush in 2000. He was

Top fund-raisers land diplomatic posts

Fund-raisers for the Bush-Cheney 2000 campaign who raised around \$100,000 were given coveted ambassador positions around the world in President Bush's first term.

Ambassador posts for top Bush-Cheney 2000 fund-raisers



* Spouse was fund-raiser

Sharon Theimer • AP

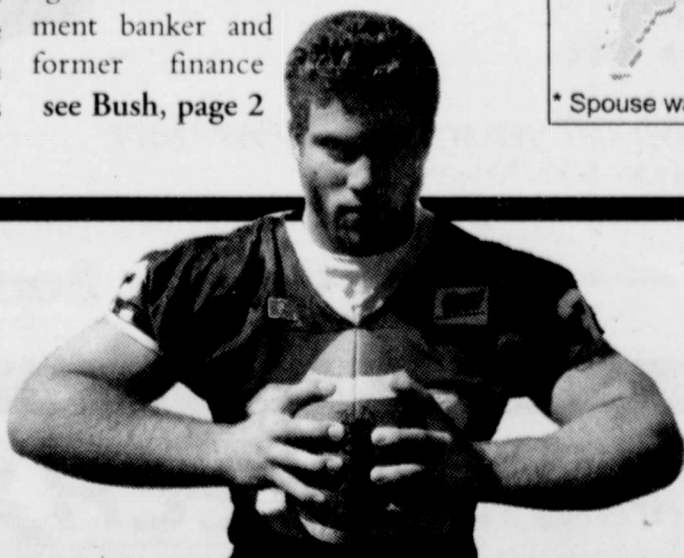
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Making debut Saturday at the Fall Concert
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WEATHER REPORT

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ASI administered a student survey in October, in which 4,400 students participated. ASI student government wanted feedback to determine students' level of interest in contributing to the improvements and expansion of student-governed facilities on campus, according to the survey Web site.

"Of the students who participated, 65 percent said that they would pay the increased fees to get the facilities improved," Broom said.

Speech communications junior Jade Catalano said she would vote to improve these facilities.

"The gym is always so full that it makes a lot of people not want to go there. No one likes standing in lines," Catalano said. "If there was another

fitness area by Campus Market, that would definitely help with overcrowding in the gym."

Catalano also said that there is no place to sit near Campus Market and that a lounge area would be nice for students.

ASI student government is still collecting data. They will decide in the coming weeks.

long-term residents and Cal Poly and Cuesta students."

Last year, Mardi Gras was havoc, with a riot on the corner of Foothill and California Boulevards. There were over 190 arrests.

"Last Mardi Gras, we were at the height of 250 officers from all over California," said Rob Bryn, San Luis Obispo Police Department Public Information Officer. "This year, we are planning to have 300 plus officers throughout the entire week."

In addition to the officers that were brought into the city last year, there will be an increase in horse, bicycle and motorcycle officers, as well as officers on ATVs to patrol the railroad tracks.

"We will be equipped to react to whatever situations occur," Bryn said. "We hope that there won't be as much unruly conduct as last year, but we will be prepared for anything, whether the zones pass through city council or not."

Bush

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chairman of the Republican National Committee, went to Paris. Lobbyist Peter Terpeluk went to Luxembourg.

At least 57 contributors or their spouses were named to agency positions, advisory or decision-making committees and boards or to U.S. delegations.

James Langdon, a Washington lawyer, was named to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, which advises Bush on intelligence-gathering and counterintelligence. Langdon also was among guests at a state dinner honoring the president of Poland, has stayed overnight at Camp David and served on Bush's energy transition team.

Hersh Kozlov, a New Jersey lawyer, was appointed to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiation, which advises Bush on trade agreements. Texas lobbyist Roger Wallace joined the Inter-American Foundation board, which provides development grants to Central America and the Caribbean.

Three top Bush fund-raisers became Cabinet secretaries: Bush 2000 finance chairman Don Evans at Commerce, Elaine Chao at Labor and Tom Ridge at Homeland Security. At least eight took other high-profile administration jobs, such as State Department chief financial officer Christopher Burnham and Jose Fourquet, U.S. executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

White House spokeswoman Erin

Healy said Bush appointed the contributors because he believed they were well qualified. "His main objective in appointing someone is finding the person who will get the job done, and someone who has the best qualifications," Healy said.

The practice of rewarding big donors and fund-raisers with ambassadorship and government appointees is ingrained in Washington. Former President Clinton, in his first year in office, picked five \$100,000-plus Democratic donors to be ambassadors.

"Just because it is done often does not make it right," said Larry Noble, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan campaign finance watchdog group.

While the appointed pioneers may be qualified for the jobs, Noble said, "Clearly the White House was not looking at a total pool of talent available out there."

Noble predicts competition among Bush's top 2004 fund-raisers for plum administration jobs will be tougher than in 2000, both because there are fewer positions open and because Bush now has twice as many \$100,000-and-up fund-raisers as he did in his first campaign.

In the first Bush administration, pioneers' spouses also got into the action. About a half-dozen spouses were given spots on panels such as the board of advisers at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the National Museum Services Board.

Michelle Engler, a lawyer who is married to former Michigan Gov. John Engler, was named to the Federal Home Mortgage Insurance Corp. board. It oversees a government-sponsored company that finances and insures billions of dollars worth of home mortgages.

In addition to the appointments, at least three-dozen pioneers or others at their companies had front-row seats as Bush assembled his first administration and set policy priorities. Energy, Treasury and Commerce were the most popular transition teams among Bush pioneers.

Tom Kuhn, head of the Edison Electric Institute, was on Bush's energy transition team. So, too, was 2000 pioneer Kenneth Lay, a long-time Bush friend and donor who now faces criminal charges in the Enron scandal. He was not on the list of top Bush re-election fund-raisers.

Allan Hubbard, president of the E&A Industries chemical conglomerate, was invited to take part in Bush's August 2002 economic summit in Texas, as was Floyd Kvamme, a California high-tech executive named to the President's Committee of Advisers on Science and Technology.

About a dozen pioneers were invited to state dinners with foreign dignitaries such as Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki, or stayed overnight at the White House or Camp David.

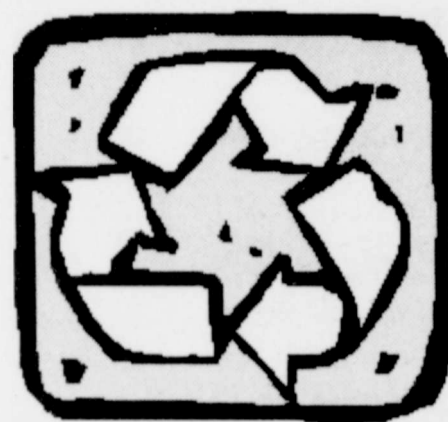
San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos joined the president's parents, former President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush, on the U.S. delegation to last summer's Olympics in Athens. Other pioneers were invited to represent the United States in the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica for presidential inaugurations and Rome to celebrate the pope's anniversary.

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The SCLC members include San Luis Obispo Chief of Police Deborah Linden, city administrator Ken Hampian, Cal Poly Vice President for Student Affairs Cornel Morton, Bolton and Cuesta College Student Body President Ryan Ward.

"I spoke with Police Chief Linden and she understood that having specified neighborhood zones would be pointing a finger directly towards the student population," said Bolton. "And pointing fingers will do nothing but divide our city even more between



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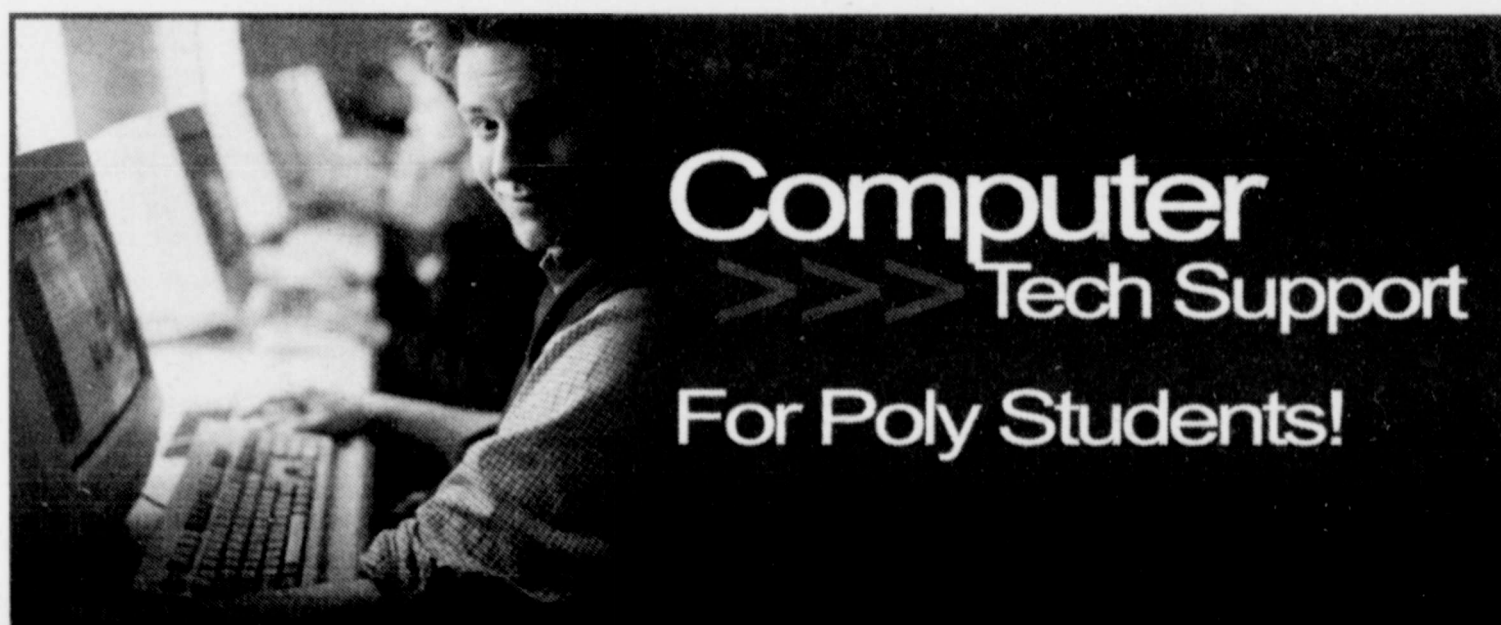
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STATE NEWS

SAN DIEGO — A trial has begun for an 18-year-old special education student charged with strangling his 17-year-old former girlfriend in his parents' home.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed that Grant Macklem killed, raped and sodomized Sarah Beagles in his bedroom last year, but lawyers for Macklem said Wednesday the teen struggled with

mental problems.

Beagles had frequently asked Macklem to kill her and was fixated on asphyxiation, according to Macklem's attorney Marc Carlos.

If convicted, Macklem will face a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

LONG BEACH — A 64-year-old man was convicted of murdering his adult daughter by beating her with a baseball bat.

Charles Armstrong faces a sen-

tence of 26 years to life in prison following his conviction Wednesday in the killing of Cathy Armstrong, 42, in her bed on Jan. 20, 2003.

The father and daughter reunited in 2001 after 35 years of separation and lived in a Long Beach apartment. Authorities believe the relationship became tumultuous, and he killed her after she tried to evict him.

Janet Perrins, Armstrong's daughter from another marriage, tearfully testified that her father was not capable of killing anyone.

LOS ANGELES — Many prospective jurors being quizzed in the Robert Blake murder case either don't understand, or disagree on a basic concept of the law — that Blake is innocent until proven guilty.

During intensive questioning on Wednesday, several panelists said they think Blake has to prove his innocence of murder charges and they also believe he should be required to testify in his own defense.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

ATLANTA — The father of one of two 13-year-old girls accused of serving poisoned cake to about a dozen students said Thursday he and his daughter were sorry it happened.

"It was a horrible prank that went too far, and a lot of people have suffered," the father said. The man asked that he not be identified by name to protect his daughter.

The girls were held on assault charges Wednesday, a day after handing out the cornbread cake at East Cobb Middle School.

Lab tests showed the icing contained an expired prescription drug, bleach, clay and hot-pepper sauce, police said. Eleven students who ate it were treated at a hospital and released.

Both teens were charged with 12 counts of aggravated assault with intent to commit murder. One girl was also charged with terroristic acts and interference with government property.

The father said the two girls began playing around in the kitchen Tuesday after growing bored.

"It was not any kind of malicious intent," he said. "They thought it would be funny. They know it's not funny now."

The father said one daughter is diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, an autism-related condition characterized by social and communication deficiencies.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — The American public is "virtually defenseless" if another medication such as Vioxx proves to be unsafe after it is approved for sale, a government drug safety reviewer told a congressional committee Thursday.

"I would argue that the FDA as currently configured is incapable of protecting America against another Vioxx," said David Graham, who

warned that the arthritis drug had been linked to an increased risk of heart attack and stroke.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Top Clinton administration officials, Presidents Bush, rock stars and ordinary admirers of Bill Clinton turned out Thursday to pay homage to "a man of compassion" at the opening of the Clinton Presidential Center.

An estimated 30,000 guests were

on hand for the dedication of the \$165 million glass-and-steel home of artifacts and documents gathered during Clinton's eight years in the White House.

WASHINGTON — A second case of mad cow disease may have turned up in the United States but meat from the suspect animal has not entered the food chain, Agriculture Department officials said Thursday.

The officials released few details

and refused to say where the possibly diseased animal was found. They said it would be four to seven days before more could be confirmed, a delay that livestock industry representatives said would cause turmoil in the beef market.

Mad cow disease attacks an animal's nervous system. People who eat food contaminated with mad cow disease can contract a rare disease that is nearly always fatal.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SANTIAGO, Chile — The United States has intelligence indicating Iran is trying to fit missiles to carry nuclear weapons, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

Powell partially confirmed claims by an Iranian opposition group that Tehran is deceiving the United Nations and is attempting to secretly continue activities meant to give it atomic arms by

next year.

JERUSALEM — Sponsors of an internationally backed Mideast peace plan will send their foreign ministers to the region next week in hopes of restarting Israeli-Palestinian talks in the wake of Yasser Arafat's death. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will go to the West Bank next week, after Monday's visit by Secretary of State Colin Powell.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. troops sweeping through Fallujah on Thursday said they believe they have found the main headquarters of the insurgent group headed by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

In video shot by an embedded CNN cameraman, soldiers walked through an imposing building with concrete columns and with a large sign in Arabic on the wall reading "Al Qaida Organization" and

"There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger."

Inside the building, U.S. soldiers found documents, old computers, notebooks, photographs and copies of the Quran.

Al-Zarqawi last month renamed his group al-Qaida, and his followers have been blamed for a number of deadly bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages. U.S. has offered a \$25 million reward for his capture or killing.

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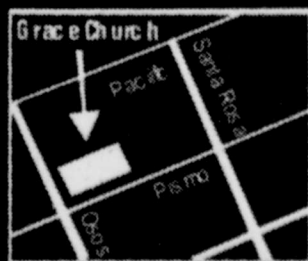
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New year, new conductor



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The Cal Poly Orchestra features a new conductor this year, David Arrivé. The orchestra has its quarterly concert Saturday at the PAC at 8 p.m.

Daniel Ely
MUSTANG DAILY

The music may have been written in the 19th century, but one thing at the Cal Poly Orchestra's fall concert will be brand new: the conductor.

Saturday's concert will be David Arrivé's debut with the Cal Poly Orchestra. Although he has not been here for long, he said he has already been enjoying his new position.

"It's been good for me," Arrivé said. "One always hopes it's been good for the students too."

Arrivé says the musicians in the orchestra have been a nice change of pace for him.

At Cal Poly, the orchestra isn't made up of entirely music majors, which makes a large difference in their dedication. Students choose to be there instead of being forced. Instead of the competitive atmosphere a primarily music school will pro-

duce, there is a broader range of interests among the players.

"The person playing next to you is a physics major," Arrivé said. "In a way, it's good to get back to that instead of having everyone think they're the next Paganini."

Here at Cal Poly, Arrivé said, there

are fewer students who believe that music will be their entire life. This, however, is something Arrivé is used to.

"At Princeton I was one of the two music majors in my class," he said. "The other guy was a violinist."

Arrivé, originally from Monterey, attended Princeton University as an undergraduate and Boston University for his masters degree in orchestral conducting. He has worked in Germany as a pianist and conductor for the Schola Cantorum and in the Czech Republic conducting at the International Workshop for Conductors, among countless other positions and honors.

Beginning a new season as a conductor is always difficult, but it has been even more so for Arrivé because he didn't know individual players' strengths.

"I had to design the whole season before the beginning of the year," Arrivé said.

Arrivé said the orchestra is currently undergoing a radical change, from a "little symphony" as they used to be known, to a chamber orchestra, to a full symphony. The new seats and larger size will allow them to tackle more complex pieces.

The pieces being performed Saturday will reflect the faith Arrivé has in his players.

One piece in particular, Kodály's "Variations on a Hungarian Folksong" will test the musicians by making them change their playing styles quickly and often.

"If they were less advanced the Kodály piece would be a disaster," Arrivé said.

The concert will begin Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 for students, and \$9 or \$11 for non-students, depending on seating.

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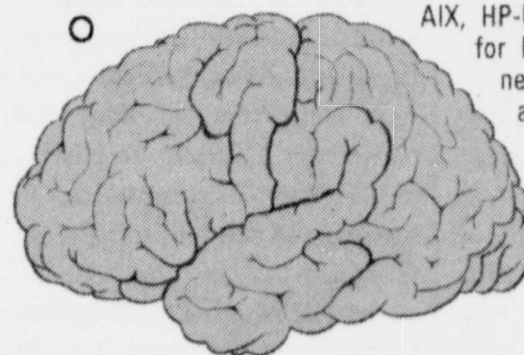
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'Stones' a quality adaptation

Amanda Strachan
MUSTANG DAILY

The play "Living Stones," which premiered Nov. 12 at Cal Poly, presents a remake of six classic Greek myths. The play weaves together the story of creation and its remnants. Overall, the play is genuinely creative, modern and well performed.

The play opens with a flash of light and the distant echo of a husky voice saying, "in the beginning."

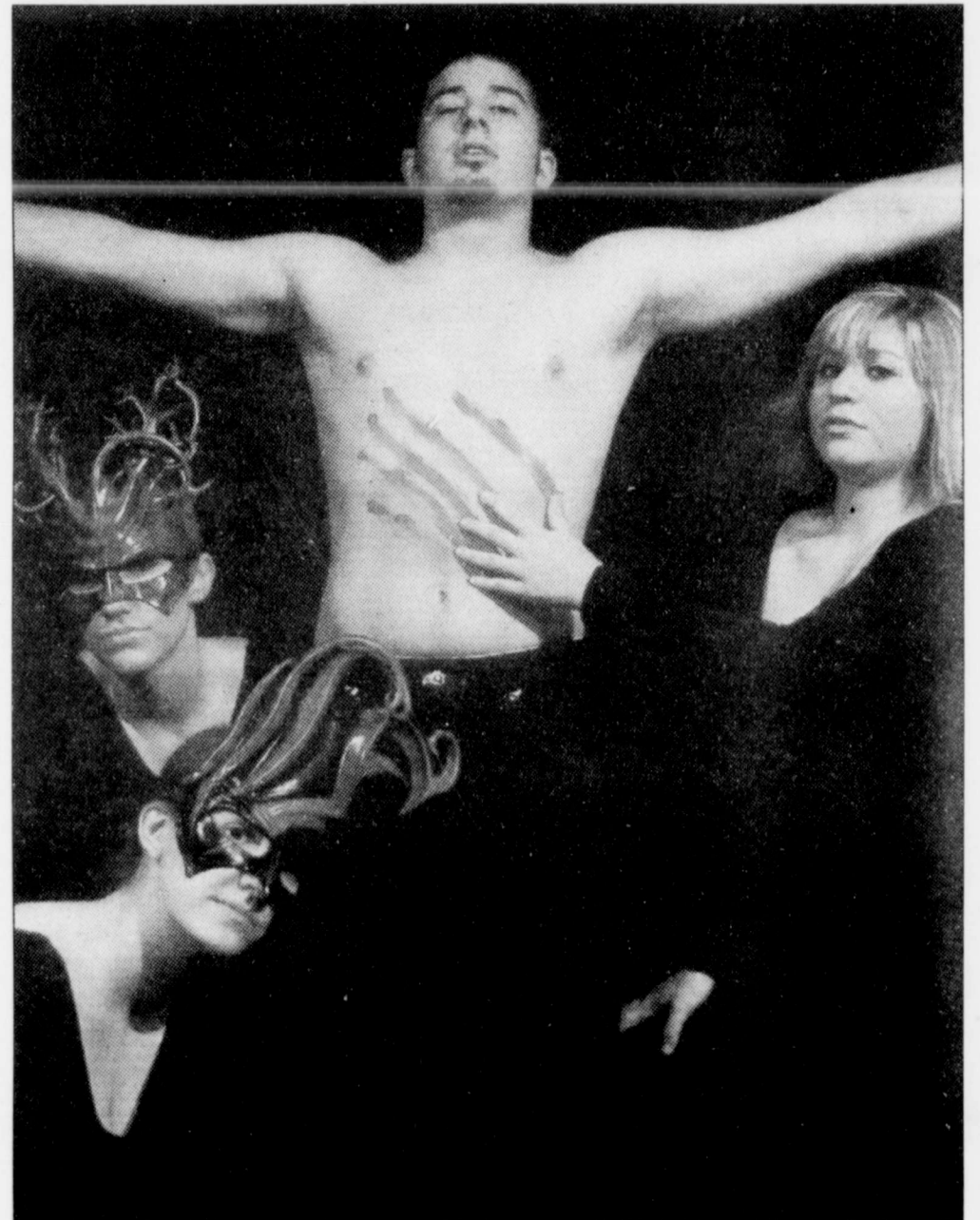
Figures dressed in black appear through flash after flash of light as the chaos of the beginning is described. Initially the scene gives the impression of a modern poetry reading, but with the emergence of Mother Earth and constant light, the play moves into a more traditional realm.

Each myth is told with its own originality. Hercules is not the ideal hero of old, and Zeus and Hera are not so noble.

The play also offers a few tongue in cheek interpretations. At one point, Prometheus offers to distract Zeus by pretending to be a maid. He returns to the stage straining to walk with an obvious discomfort when trying to sit down.

The Director/writer Al Schnupp, a theatre arts professor, uses some innovative techniques to make quick stage and character changes. Eight actors are used for 12 parts. While this could create some confusion, the actors do an impressive job of shifting into their roles.

By far the most interesting aspect of the play, visually, is the use of hanging props to make scene changes. As the actors move on and



COURTESY PHOTO

'Living Stones' is the brainchild of theatre arts professor Al Schnupp, who wrote and directed this adaptation of six classic Greek myths.

off stage, they pull with them hanging backdrops and tapestries. A series of wires strung overhead allow a number of items to be easily moved. This creative strategy allows the scenes to flow seamlessly and for the audience it's eye-catching and origi-

nal. All 50 paintings used in the production were created by local artists.

"Living Stones" will run tonight and tomorrow night before moving on to Hollywood where the play will be presented at the Open Fist Theatre.

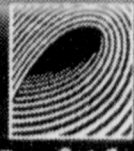
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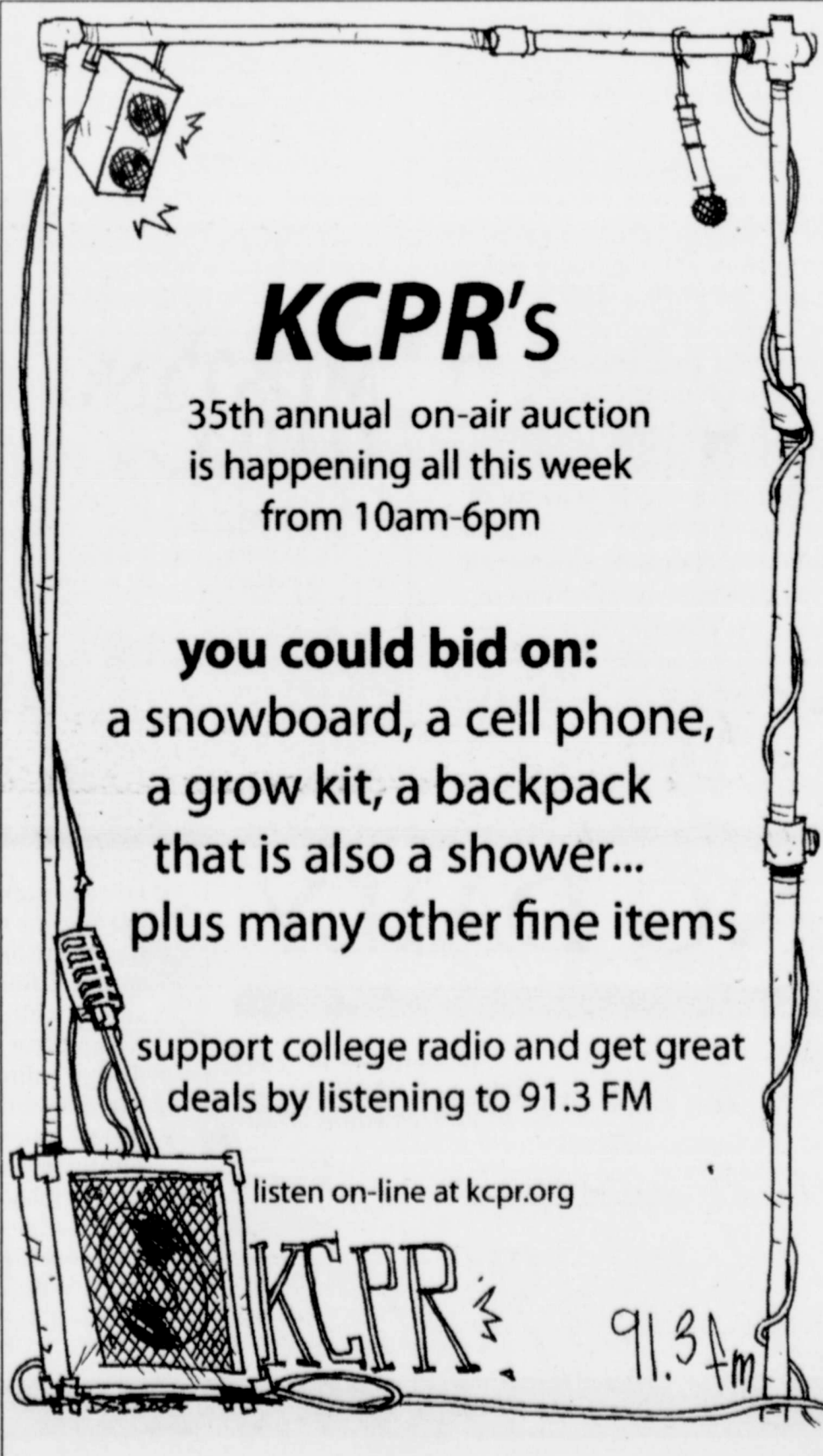
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COMMENTARY

Body image: Not just a woman's battle

When we look around our campus, it is obvious that eating disorders are a common problem among young females. Whether it's the cover of US Magazine showcasing Mary-Kate's latest eating struggle or a Dr. Phil episode devoted to the problems with women's body image, women are the constant focus of discussions regarding eating disorders. But the reality is that men can and do have these severe, life-threatening conditions.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, 10 percent of eating disordered individuals are male. Like females, males also feel pressure to live up to unrealistic standards set by the media.

In today's society, men are increasingly receiving messages regarding diet, muscular shape and plastic surgery options, such as pectoral and calf implants. These messages have created a more distorted male body image. In fact, a national survey indicated that 41 percent of men are dissatisfied with their weight.

One common body image disorder among males is muscle dysmorphia. People afflicted with this disorder often eat high-protein diets, take supplements, weight train for hours at a time and often use steroids to "get ripped." Additionally, men that suffer from muscle dysmorphia have an unrealistic view of their bodies. A 200-pound body

builder will see himself as a scrawny 90-pound weakling, despite the fact that others pay compliments to his lean physique.

Lifting weights and healthy eating are excellent lifestyle choices, but obsessing over it can cause serious social, physical and school-related issues.

Other more serious conditions include anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa. Anorexia is defined as the failure to maintain a minimal healthy body weight (usually by starvation or restriction of calories), the severe fear of gaining weight and an intense dissatisfaction with body shape and size. When a man suffers from an eating disorder like anorexia, it can take a significant toll on his mental and physical well-being.

For instance, anorexics may experience a decreased sex drive, lowered testosterone levels, hair loss and muscular weakness. More serious consequences include an abnormally slow heart rate, osteoporosis and severe dehydration that can result in kidney failure. While not all restrictive diets can be classified as anorexia nervosa, 25 percent of American men are on a diet on any given day, according to the National Eating Disorders Association.

Bulimia nervosa is characterized by recurrent episodes of binge eating followed by purging (vomiting, abusing laxatives, excessive exercise and fasting) to prevent weight gain. This condition is extremely detrimental to one's health causing complications like irregular bowel movements, tooth decay, gastric rupture caused by vomiting and electrolyte imbalance that can lead to heart failure or death.

Eating disorders are not just a fad. They are real, complex and potentially life threatening conditions that can have serious consequences on a person's emotional and physical health. The National Eating Disorders Association studies show that 35 percent of normal dieters progress to pathological dieting and of those, 20 to 25 percent progress to partial or full blown eating disorders.

If you know someone struggling with an eating disorder it is important that you listen and empathize with his or her condition. Remind him or her that seeking professional treatment is the most effective way to recover. For more information or a free confidential consultation contact Peer Health Education or Health and Counseling Services at the Health Center.

Stacy West and Jane Wilson are nutrition seniors and members of the Peer Health Nutrition Team. Contact them at 756-6181.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The magic in children's laughter created the universe

So I've been seeing the letters in the paper lately about God, the universe, thermodynamics and its role in the creation of the universe. I've come to the conclusion that should have been reached by now: We're running in circles.

Since we cannot undoubtedly physically prove that God exists, and since we cannot undoubtedly prove how the universe was created, there is only one simple answer ... magic.

The same magic found in the laughter of children is what created the universe. Contrary to Brian Crawford's belief, magic did cause itself and is the sole proprietor and effect upon itself. If you have any questions about this, please raise your hand, and put it over your mouth.

Derek Kurti
Civil engineering senior

Let's talk about issues other than gay marriage and God

In response to the ongoing controversies that seem to be consuming the letters to the editor, I have two comments.

First in regards to the Dexter Lawn incident, I wonder if our community would be so tolerant to the "art" if it were to depict interracial marriage instead of homosexual marriage as a social degradation? Would we be as willing to tolerate a swastika because represents someone's view point that they are entitled too? The same ideals were held by the majority about interracial marriages just a few decades ago (and are held by some people today).

The second point deals with the deity debate. I found it amusing at first, and I always like to hear both sides; however, can we please let it be? Philosophers, the-

ologians and scientists have debated this throughout the centuries. If you think you have a compelling argument that will solve the debate once and for all, I doubt it will fit in a 250 word letter. It should be published as a book and shared throughout the world. I am not saying that anyone believing either side is "stupid" or "illogical" because name calling will get me nowhere. This debate has gone on long enough in our paper.

So please, let's gripe about something else. The more I see my fellow classmates engaged in this dichotomy, the more it makes me writhe in sorrow. We are all humans first.

Gene Alarcon
Psychology senior

A God, or plurality of gods, does not deliver morality

While Hitler was executing Jews in Europe, the Catholic church stood idly by and did nothing (and eventually, they too felt the heel of fascism). While Hitler was executing Jews in Europe, there was a group operating in America designed to destroy Catholicism, Judaism and African Americans. The people were Protestant Christians, and the group was called the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK believes (and continues to believe) that they do God's work.

My point? These groups derived their morality from a god. But many people who claimed to belong to the same religion believed that what these groups did was wrong. No god provides a clear set of moral values. People define their own morality. They always have, and they always will.

We are alone in this world. We know very little is for certain except for our own existence. We all know this — there's no point in lying to yourself. Sartre called it agony. Since each of us is alone, the responsibility falls upon each of us to create our own morality system. We do not have the capa-

bility to rely on outside forces, be they a God or another person, for our morality. It would be irresponsible to assign this duty to something that we cannot be certain exists.

Matt Sutter
History junior

Don't ignore the empirical evidence of evolution

Please allow me to convince Mr. Crawford of the truth behind evolution.

Given that a fish with legs might be convincing, take a look at fossils.

Unless you don't "believe" in fossils, I don't see how you can discount evolution. Fossils have been found of lizard-like dinosaurs that had small feathers. Others found in slightly more recent history had larger feathers. Does this not directly relate birds and reptiles?

Also fish fossils have been discovered that show fish developing finger/fins, possibly to grasp their prey or move aside plants.

A modern example of evolution is the Northern Snakehead fish, which can crawl on land and survive out of water for several days. This enables it to eat small birds, and it is now a top-level predator. That's what is known as natural selection, a species adapting to better survive their environment. Is it really that illogical to think that as the Snakehead stays out of water longer and longer, that it will be adapted to land? And then be able to crawl faster? And then be able to slither?

I think the problem is that people aren't patient enough. You can't look at the past few thousand years and see a fish evolve into a human. It takes millions and millions of years, of which there is proof in the fossilized animals that existed so long ago. Believe in God if you want, but don't ignore the empirical evidence of evolution.

Trevor Martens
Aerospace engineering sophomore

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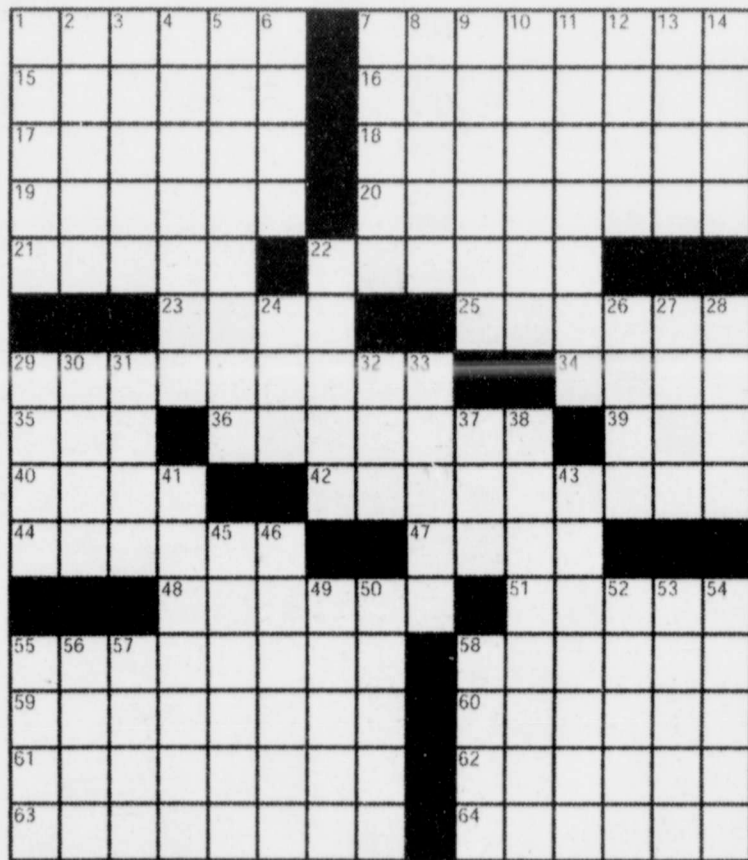
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Fiercer than ever on the field

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It has been 50 years since a player from the Cal Poly football team has been invited to the East-West Shrine game, but the wait is over.

Linebacker Jordan Beck has accepted the invitation to play in the annual game on Jan. 15 at SBC Park in San Francisco.

"I'm excited for him and I am excited for Cal Poly that someone like Jordan will represent us," coach Rich Ellerson said.

The game will be broadcast live on ESPN at 11 a.m. The East and West teams are made up of 90 top athletes in college football from schools across the United States. Proceeds from the game will benefit all 22 Shriner's hospitals in North America.

All of the players will practice together for one week prior to the game and will also get to visit the Shriner's Hospital in San Francisco to see what the organization does firsthand.

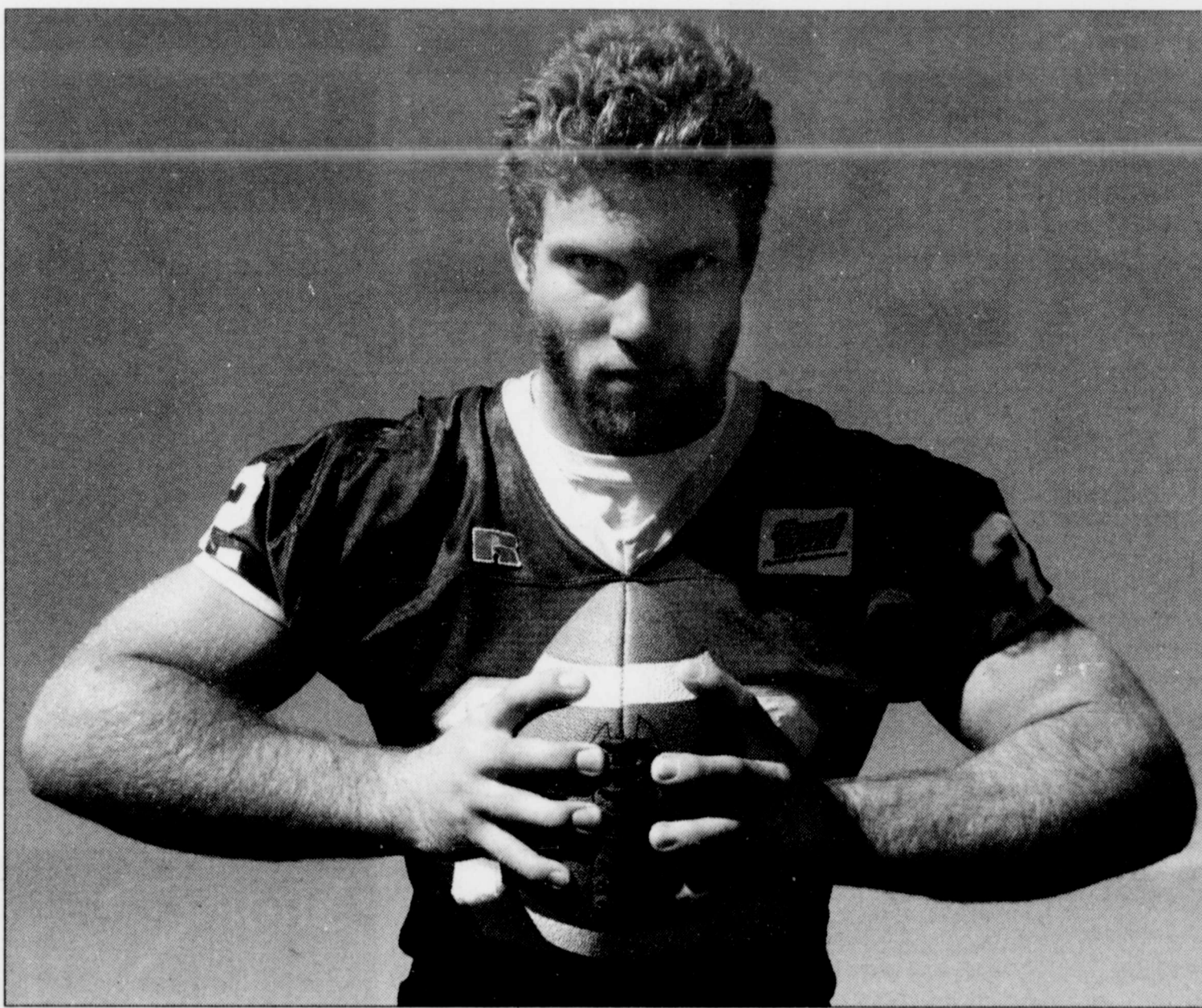
A Santa Cruz area native, Beck is happy that people close to him can watch the game live since it is being held in San Francisco.

"I'm excited for the whole experience," Beck said. "I am most excited about meeting people."

Beck was chosen for his athletic abilities and accomplishments at Cal Poly.

"His size and speed put him up with linebackers of all levels," defensive coordinator David Brown said. "He has a lot of natural abilities and it will be a good situation for him to play against players from bigger schools."

Beck holds Cal Poly's single-game record with 23 tackles in a game in Montana last year and he set the single-season record with 128 in 2003.



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Beck's no one to mess with when he's roaming the middle on defense. He set the Mustang career tackles record.

He also set the career tackles record with 400 tackles.

During the Idaho State game at the beginning of this year, he surpassed the career mark of 326, set by Gary Swanson from 1981 to 1984.

"It's nice to know that people recognize your hard work," Beck said.

Beck graduated from San Lorenzo Valley High School near Santa Cruz in 2001. During his freshman year at Cal Poly, Beck led the team with 73 tackles and earned first-team All-

NCAA Division I-AA Independent Honors as a linebacker. During his second year he led the team in tackles again with 113.

Last fall he was named to The Sports Network's All American second team.

In 2003, he averaged 11.6 tackles per game. He was also named Cal Poly's first Buck Buchanan Award candidate as the best defensive player in Division I-AA. This year he was named to the Sports Network's pre-

season first team.

"He is an extraordinary player," Ellerson said. "He plays a position that has to be productive; he makes plays and has to finish them."

The last Cal Poly football player that was invited to the game was Stan Sherriff.

He played for Cal Poly from 1950 to 1953 and played in the 1954 East-West Shrine game. He later played professionally for the Rams, Steelers, 49ers and Browns.

Volleyball signs two players

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORTER

The Cal Poly Department of Intercollegiate Athletics announced the signing of Jaclyn Houston and Addi Radke to national letters of intent on Tuesday.

"We are very excited with the signing of Jaclyn Houston and Addi Radke," coach Steve Schlick said. "Both are outstanding athletes who have enhanced their playing skills by competing for top-level club teams. They will add to a very good nucleus of returning players here at Cal Poly."

Houston is a 6-foot-three-inch middle blocker and two-year letter winner at Granite Bay High School.

She was named First-Team All-Sierra Foothill League in 2003 and First-Team All Metro League in 2004.

She also played club for head coach Jeff Dieter and the Gold Cal team.

"Jaclyn is a very gifted athlete who has the unique combination of great height with outstanding foot speed," Schlick said. "She has gained great experience throughout her club career and will be playing for one of the top teams in the country this upcoming season."

Radke is a 6-foot outside hitter and four-year letter winner for head coach Kim McLain at Santiam Christian High School.

Radke also helped lead her high school volleyball team to four West Valley League championships.

Football must do nothing less than impress in Sacramento

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

If it can be done, running up the score might be necessart this week when Cal Poly football faces Sacramento State for its final regular season game.

At stake is a spot in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs as Cal Poly must snag one of eight spots not taken by automatic berths.

Last week, Cal Poly (8-2, 4-1 Great West) broke a two-game losing streak and captured the inaugural Great West Football Conference championship with a 31-0 shutout over Northern Colorado.

Cal Poly travels to Sac State (3-7, 2-5 Big Sky) on Saturday for a non-conference game to kickoff in Hornet Stadium at 4:05 p.m.

After falling to UC Davis and Eastern Washington the past two weeks, Cal Poly kept its playoff hopes alive with a win over Northern Colorado on Senior Night in Mustang Stadium.

Meanwhile, Sacramento State was getting beat up by Big Sky opponent Montana 52-21.

Hornet quarterback Ryan Leadingham completed 12 of 26 passes for 128 yards, but was intercepted three times. Righetti High graduate

Ryan Mole rushed for 176 yards and one touchdown, averaging 7.7 yards per carry.

Leadingham has completed 149 of 288 passes for 1,809 yards and 10 touchdowns for Sacramento State. His favorite target is Amey with 67 catches for 1,043 yards and six touchdowns.

Amey, who will play in the East-West Shrine Game, is the all-time No. 1 receiver in the Big Sky with totals of 239 catches for 3,906 yards and 27 touchdowns.

On the ground, Mole leads the Hornets with 846 yards on 133 carries and five touchdowns. Linebacker Jimmy Ellingson has 120 tackles, including four sacks and four others for lost yardage.

Cal Poly and Sacramento State are meeting for the 28th time. The Hornets own a 15-12 advantage, though the Mustangs posted a 31-17 victory a year ago in Mustang Stadium. Cal Poly is 5-7 at Sacramento and 7-8 at home. The Hornets have won the last three games of the series played in Sacramento.

The Mustangs will be watch ESPN on Sunday at 10:10 a.m. when the NCAA Division I-AA playoff pairings will be announced.

Mustangs topple Notre Dame ... de Namur

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Freshman guard Dawin Whiten scored 11 points to lead Cal Poly to a 73-49 victory over Notre Dame de Namur in an exhibition men's basketball game Tuesday night in Mott Gym.

Whiten made four of seven floor shots as the Mustangs made 50 percent as a team and won their second straight exhibition game. Cal Poly beat Cal State Stanislaus 92-64 Friday.

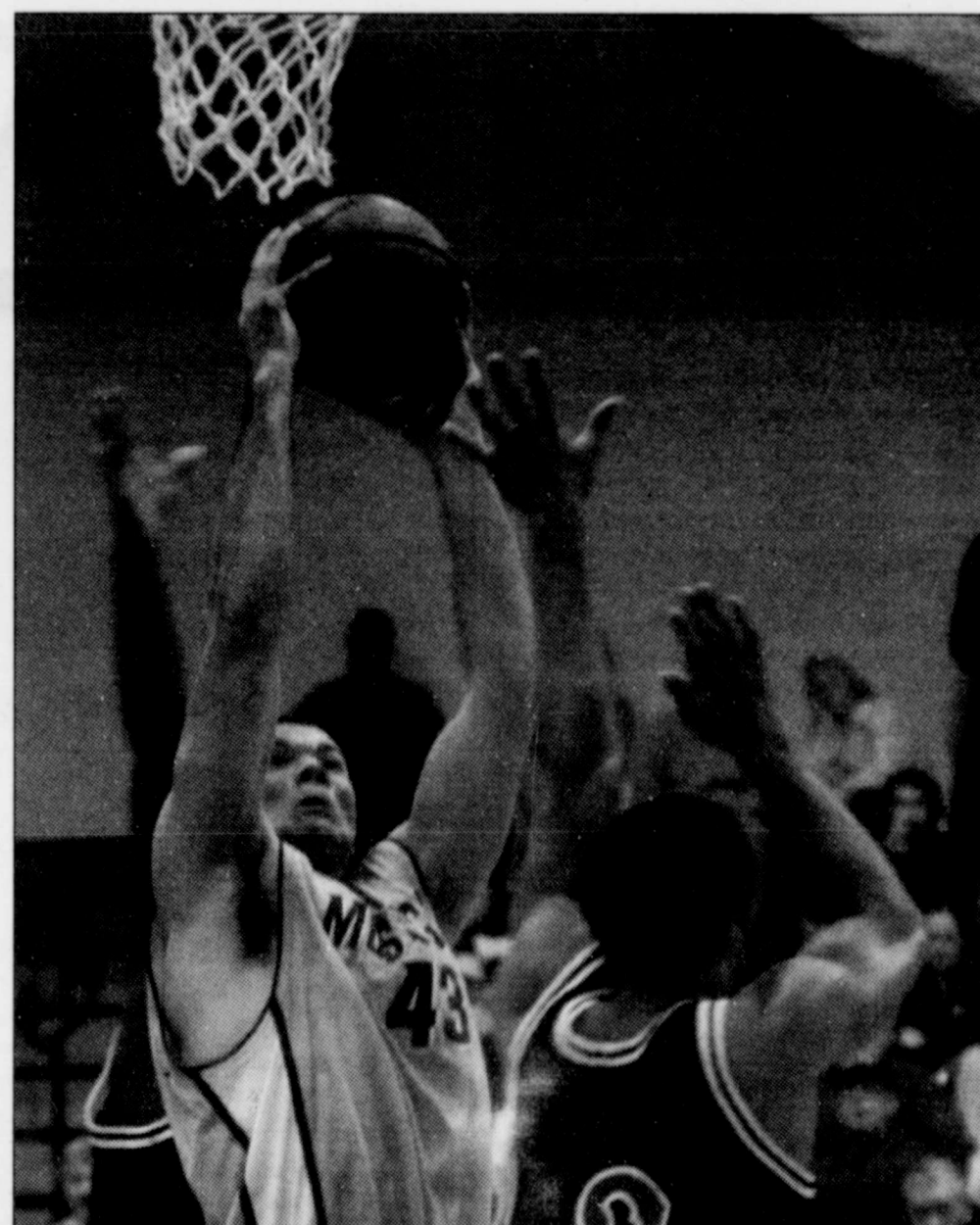
Starters Nick Enzweiler, Derek Stockalper and Glenn Jones all scored eight points for Cal Poly, which outrebounded Notre Dame de Namur 42-39. Jones, a 5-foot-11-inch guard, topped all rebounders in the game with eight.

Guard Fernando Sampson was injured during the game, the status of his ankle injury unknown.

The visiting Argonauts were led in scoring by Kevin Ochoa with nine points and Jay Marshall and Pat Menzel, each with eight points.

Notre Dame de Namur, a Division II school from Belmont, made just 23 percent of its floor shots and turned the ball over 21 times while forcing 24 Mustang turnovers.

Cal Poly officially opens its 2004-05 season on Monday against Eastern Washington at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.



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The Mustangs won their second straight exhibition game shooting 50 percent as a team from the field.